

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 1, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 4 is redrafted into independent form, but not otherwise revised. Claim 6 is not amended. Base claim 1 is canceled, and dependency of other claims updated to claim 4. Claims 19 and 20 are added. Claims 2-20 are pending, the independent claims being 4, 6 and 7. Claim 7 is amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,493,547 to Raith.

Claim 6 recites:

transmitting, by the mobile communication exchange, the telephone charge information received from the charging center via a base station in communication with the mobile terminal, wherein the telephone charge information is in the form of a short message

Raith teaches away from transmitting current cumulative usage information in the form of a short message, because Raith avoids additional signaling overhead by using pre-existing messages within the protocol (col. 8, lines 45-49, 61-63).

For at least this reason, Raith fails to distinguish patentably over the present invention as recited in claim 6.

The Office Action suggests that display on the Raith terminal "in an

alphanumeric format" (col. 11, line 16) implies what the Office Action characterizes as "SMS format" (Office Action, middle of page 3). The applicant traverses this suggestion by the Office Action. In any event, Raith teaches away from the above-discussed transmitting in the form of a short message.

Claim 4, now redrafted into independent form, but not otherwise revised, states:

calculating, by the charging center, the telephone charge using the charging information received from the mobile communication exchange . . . , wherein the charging information includes the number of the mobile terminal, a terminating party number, a call start time information, a call termination time information, and different billing qualification information

Raith fails to disclose or suggest the above-quoted aspect of the invention as recited in claim 4.

The Office Action apparently invites us to speculate as to whether Raith could have, would have or might have featured the above-quoted aspect of claim 4, but the passages the Office Action cites fail to disclose or suggest this aspect. Accordingly, claim 4 distinguishes patentably over Raith.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above-discussed claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim 7, as amended, recites, ". . . actuating, by a mobile terminal

subscriber, a specified key or specified sequence of keys to verify charge information by issuing, to a mobile communication exchange, a request for a telephone charge . . ."

Support for the amendment of claim 7 is found in the specification (e.g., page 11, lines 1-4 and 15-19).

Raith fails to disclose or suggest the above-quoted feature of claim 7 as amended and, accordingly, claim 7 distinguishes patentably over Raith.

New claims 19 and 20 find support in the specification (e.g., page 11, lines 9-12).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

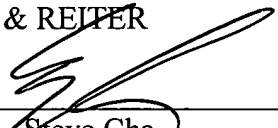
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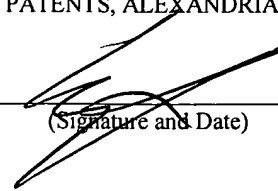
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